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SUBJECT: THE NETWORKING PARTY: CAREER ADVANCEMENT,
NOT IDEOLOGY, ATTRACTS YOUTH TO CCP

REF: A) BEIJING 905

Classified By: Acting Political Section Chief
Ben Moeling for Reasons 1.4 (b)(d)

SUMMARY

1. (C) Chinese youth associated with Peking University pointed to career advancement and networking opportunities, rather than ideology, as a
AN ELITE GROUP

2. (C) PolOffs met November 12 with six university students and recent graduates, mostly from Peking University. The members of the group dis
STRONG ON SUPPORT, WEAK ON DOCTRINE

3. (C) Gong Ting (protect), a senior at Peking University's School of International Studies who said she hoped to join the Foreign Ministry af
4. (C) Chen characterized the CCP as "no longer communist" in the sense that it was no longer a party of peasants and workers since the Party
CHINA'S BAD RAP

5. (C) The students voiced support for Chinese government efforts to expand the PRC's media influence abroad (reftel). Gong said that such a
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Gong members demonstrating in Switzerland and Australia and believed they presented Westerners with a skewed view of the PRC. China must also

6. (C) Gong had recently participated in an exchange program bringing together delegates of provincial-level National People's Congresses in C
MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES

7. (C) The students described the CCP application process as grueling but worthwhile, given the benefits and connections Party membership brir
"Private Employers Prefer Party Members"

8. (C) Chen readily admitted that few young CCP members were driven by ideology and most joined the Party mainly to advance their careers. Pr
9. (C) The students stressed that joining the Party had always provided an advantage in securing government positions or jobs at state-owned e

ALLURE OF STUDYING ABROAD FADING

10. (C) The group also expressed changing attitudes about studying abroad, which was no longer viewed as the only path to success. Not long
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have been detrimental to her career in China "where all the action is." The group agreed that for students aspiring to government or business
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